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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I use a local service provider called Sonic because they provide vastly better service, higher speeds, greater reliability and with far more respect for my privacy than Comcast, AT&T, Verizon or any other option available in my area. More importantly, when they began offering service in our area, those other big companies lowered their rates and increased their speeds to try to compete. They would never have done so without Sonic entering the market with better service at a better price.

The infrastructure of this country does not belong to private interests to consolidate at their whims. The regulation of our telecommunications systems, airwaves and data infrastructure must be equitable, transparent and done solely for the good of people as a whole, even at the cost to private business. A handful of telecom lobbyists seeking greater wealth and power must not be allowed to overrule the will of the people or force us to choose from ever-dwindling options at an ever-increasing price. We need net neutrality and a more aggressive oversight of the big telecom monopolies as a whole.

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